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SUBJECT: LUIS CORVALAN VISITS BULGARIA

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1. CHILEAN COMMUNIST PARTY GENERAL SECRETARY LUIS CORVALAN VISITED BULGARIA JANUARY 17-21, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE. HE WAS RECEIVED JANUARY 18 BY TODOR ZHIVKOV, BCP POLITBURO GAVE OFFICIAL LUNCHEON, AND CORVALAN WAS PRESENTED "ORDER OF GEORGI DIMITROV" AWARDED HIM IN SEPTEMBER 1976. MASS MEETING WITH "SOFIA WORKERS" WAS ORGANIZED AS WELL AS PRESS CONFERENCE.

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2. VISIT TO SOFIA WAS SENTIMENTAL TRIP FOR CORVALAN, WHOSE SON DIED HERE OF HEART ATTACK IN 1976 AND WHOSE DAUGHTER-IN-LAW REMAINS STUDENT AT SOFIA UNIVERSITY. SOME 150 CHILEAN EXILES RESIDE IN BULGARIA, INCLUDING, REPORTEDLY, LAST CHILEAN AMBASSADOR TO BULGARIA.

3. IDEOLOGICAL FIT WAS SLIGHTLY LESS COMFORTABLE
SINCE CORVALAN SOUNDS A SHADE TOO EUROCOMMUNIST TO PERFECTLY
SUIT BCP EARS. FOR EXAMPLE, AT PRESS CONFERENCE HE SAID
THAT CCP SEEKS "UNION WITH CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY...
TO CREATE A REPRESENTATIVE AND DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT."
HE ADDED, IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, THAT HE WAS FULLY
PREPARED TO WORK IN DEMOCRATIC CONTEXT, WHICH, HE AGREED,
PUT HIM IN LINE WITH CPS OF ITALY, FRANCE, AND SPAIN.

4. CORVALAN SAID THAT HIS FUTURE PLANS INCLUDED RETURN
TO MOSCOW, THEN ONWARD TRAVEL TO BERLIN, ROME, CUBA,
AND VENEZUELA.
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